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June 19, 2007

The Honorable Jim Weiers Speaker of the House Arizona House of Representatives 1700 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2119: schools; open enrollment; OCR agreements

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2119, which would have removed enrollment restrictions designed to promote integration with respect to school districts that are subject to an administrative desegregation agreement with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights ("OCR").

Agreements negotiated between school districts and the OCR are carefully designed to reduce or eliminate racial discrimination over the long run. The success of these agreements depends on having appropriately integrated school districts. This bill would disrupt the balance that school districts and the OCR have agreed to, and is not in the best interest of our state or its students.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2119.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano

Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy Bee The Honorable Andy Biggs

Passed the House <u>Tebr</u>	uary 26, 20 <u>07</u>	Passed the Senate April 24, 20 07
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This Bill was received by the Governor this 13th day of 1, 2007
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